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Attention: The Examiner Lloyd A. Gall

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Re: In re application of United States Patent Application No. 10/018,998
Filed: 12/26/2001
Art Unit: 3676
Inventor/Applicant: Athanasios Leontaridis

RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Your Office Communication of January 23, 2003 is hereby
acknowledged.

EXTENSION OF TIME

A Bank cheque of USD 55,00 is enclosed herewith to claim an
extension of time of one month to respond to this office action.

ELECTION OF THE INVENTION TO BE EXAMINED

The Examiner has required that the applicant elects an invention to
be examined amongst six groups of different species; he has considered
the present application to contain.

In compliance with the Examiner's advise as to that the reply to
this requirement to be complete must include an election of the
invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed
(37 CFR 1.143), the applicant hereby states that he wishes the first
species outlined by the Examiner, namely the species of Figs. 3-5 with
corresponding claims 1,3,6,11 and 13 and thereby elects this species